



PROJECT MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE 2009

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ABSTRACT AND BIOGRAPHY

GAO 'Quick Look' Project Reviews

As a part of NASA's FY 08 budget, Congress established a new, ongoing GAO review of selected NASA projects, including projects in formulation as well as those which have already entered development. GAO shares the results of these reviews with NASA's Congressional committees and publishes them in an annual "Quick Look" report. GAO completed its first round of reviews in the fall of 2008. In addition to collecting project-by-project information on critical technologies, cost, and schedule, they met with each of the projects reviewed. GAO will be updating information on these projects semiannually, and may change the set up projects reviewed from time to time.

Participants will discuss the GAO's conclusions about NASA's project management policies and practices from their initial review in 2008, as well as what to expect from this "Quick Look" down the road. In addition, we'll described how NASA has folded the GAO data collection into quarterly cost and schedule data call, and the importance of project, program, and HQ coordination in these updates.

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